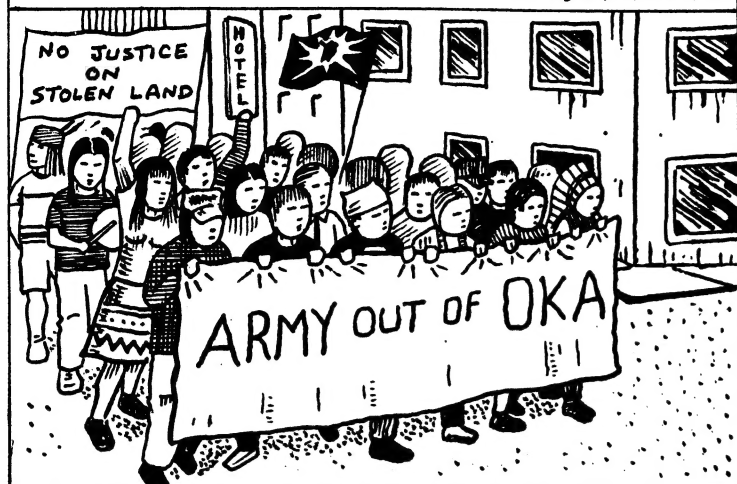
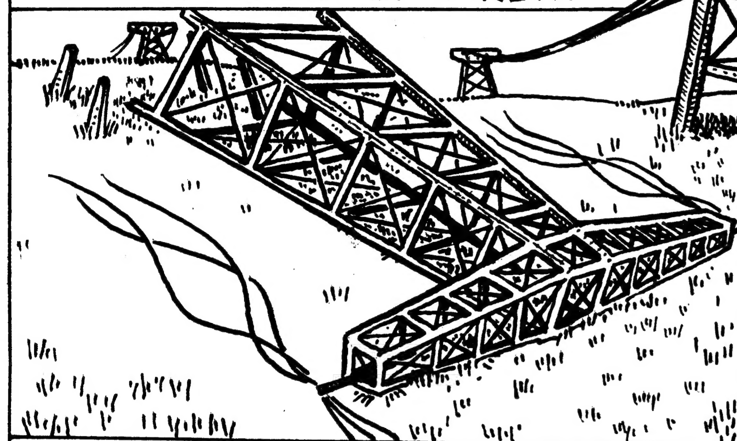
ACROSS THE COUNTRY, NATIVE PEOPLE SHOWED THEIR **SOLIDARITY** WITH THE MOHAWKS THRU **PROTESTS, OCCUPATIONS, ROAD + RAIL BLOCKADES, + SABOTAGE...**



IN BC + ALBERTA, RAILWAY BRIDGES WERE **DESTROYED BY FIRE...**



IN ONTARIO, 5 **HYDRO-ELECTRIC TOWERS** WERE **CUT DOWN** BY **SABOTEURS...**

ALTHO' THE GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA **PORTRAYED** THE WARRIORS AS **CRIMINALS + TERRORISTS**, MANY SAW THEM AS **HEROES DEFENDING THEIR PEOPLE...**



CANADA FACED AN **INDIGENOUS UPRISING** IF IT USED **FORCE** TO END THE SIEGE.



OKA SERVED TO **REVITALIZE** THE **WARRIOR SPIRIT** OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND OUR **WILL TO RESIST...**

ON **SEPT. 26**, THE LAST **HOLD-OUTS** AT KANEHSATAKE **BURNED** THEIR WEAPONS AND **WALKED OUT...**

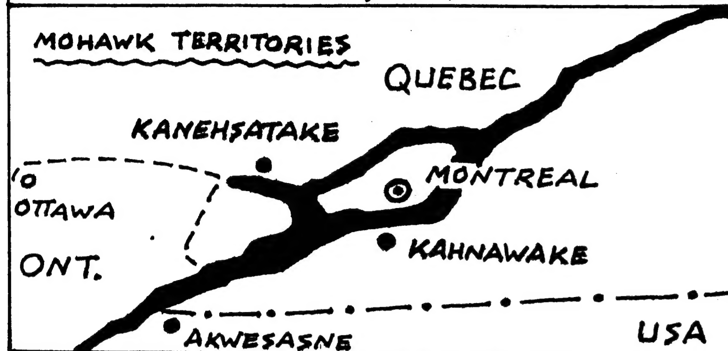


MOST WERE LATER FOUND **NOT GUILTY** OF WEAPONS + RIOT CHARGES. THE OKA GOLF COURSE WAS NEVER EXPANDED...

-THE END-

THE 'OKA CRISIS'

DURING THE SUMMER OF **1990**, A **77-DAY ARMED STANDOFF** OCCURRED IN THE MOHAWK TERRITORIES OF **KAHNAWAKE** AND **KANEHSATAKE/OKA**, NEAR MONTREAL.

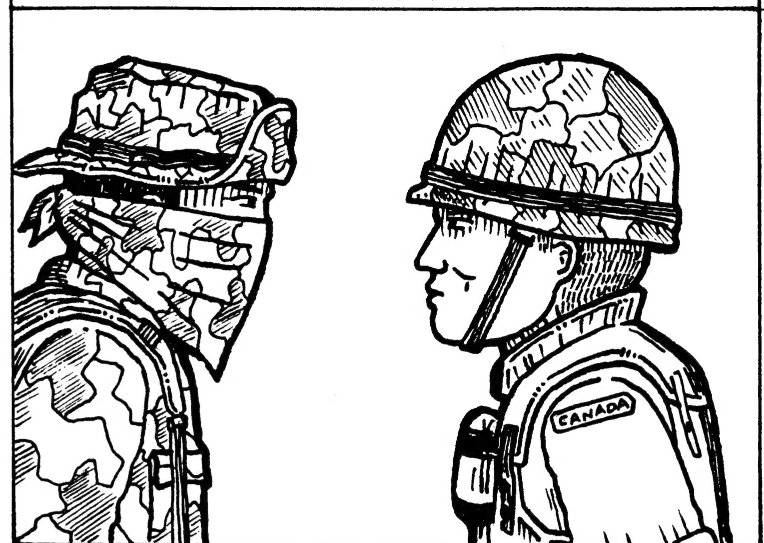


IN KANEHSATAKE, THE TOWN OF OKA HAD PLANNED TO EXPAND A **GOLF COURSE** INTO **'THE PINES'**, A SMALL FORESTED AREA CONTAINING A **MOHAWK GRAVEYARD.**



IN 1989, MOHAWKS AND RESIDENTS OF OKA BEGAN **PROTESTS + PETITIONS** TO STOP IT...

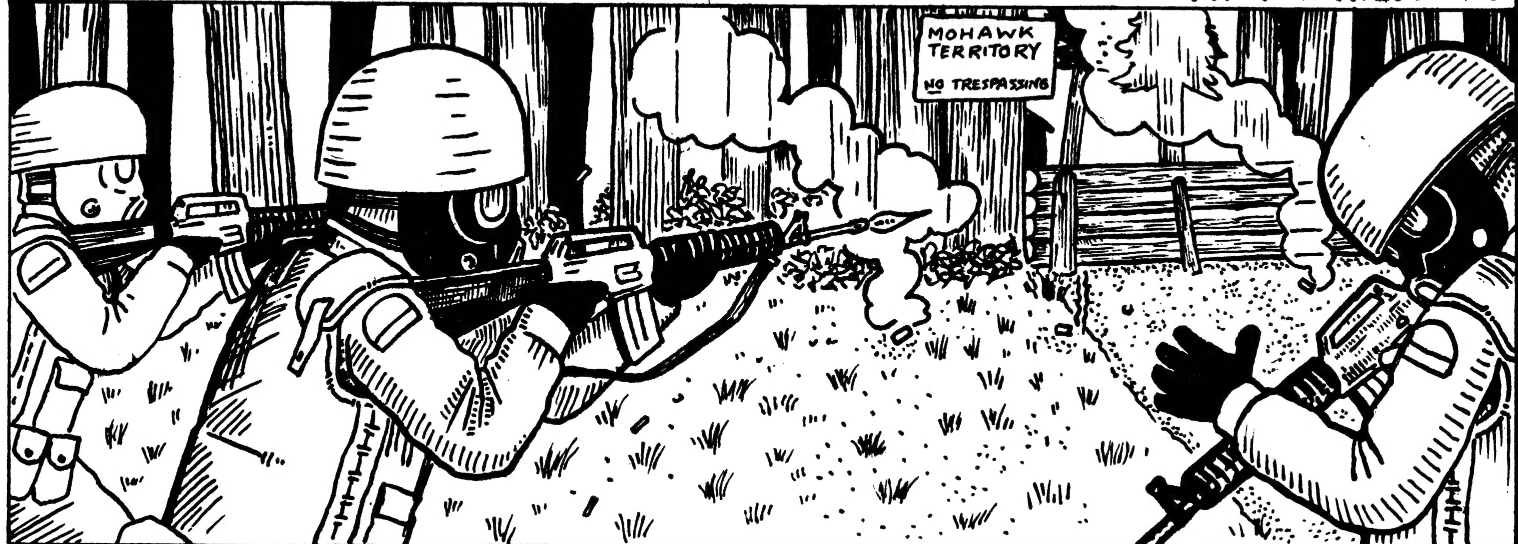
MOHAWK **WARRIORS** CONFRONTED OVER **2,000 QUEBEC POLICE** AND **4,500 CANADIAN SOLDIERS...**



IN THE **SPRING** OF **1990**, MOHAWKS SET UP A **CAMP** IN THE PINES AND **BLOCKED A SMALL, DIRT ROAD...**



ON **JULY 11, 1990**, OVER **100 HEAVILY-ARMED QUEBEC POLICE ATTACKED** THE MOHAWK BLOCKADE, SHOOTING **TEAR-GAS + AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.** MOHAWK WARRIORS **RETURNED FIRE**; IN A **BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT**, ONE POLICE MAN WAS **SHOT + KILLED...**




THE POLICE FLED, ABANDONING MANY VEHICLES. THESE WERE USED TO BUILD NEW BARRICADES...


GET BACK! BACK UP!
AT NEARBY KAHNAWAKE, WARRIORS SIEZED THE MERCIER BRIDGE, A VITAL COMMUTER LINK TO MONTREAL...

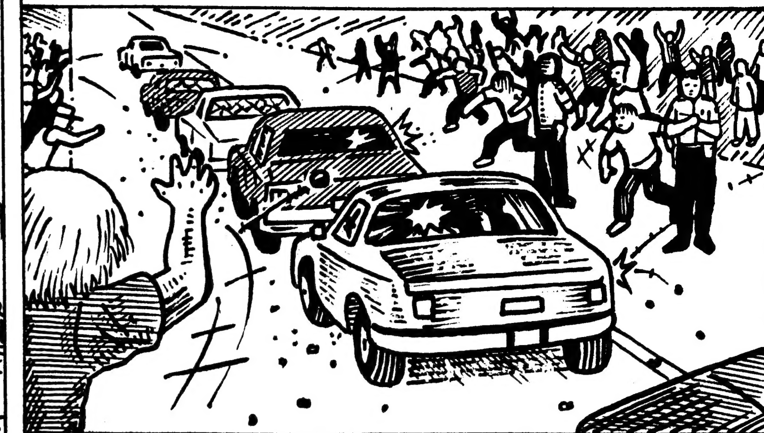

HUNDREDS OF POLICE ARRIVED + SEALED OFF THE AREA; ADVISORS + EQUIPMENT FROM THE MILITARY WERE ALSO SENT...
MOHAWK? DO YOU LIVE IN OKA?


IN KANEHSATAKE, WARRIORS FORTIFIED THEIR POSITIONS; REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES WERE SMUGGLED IN...


AT KAHNAWAKE (POP. 7,000), ENTRANCES WERE BARRICADED. FOOD, MEDICAL AID, AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE ORGANIZED.
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
FOOD BANK PICK-UP
SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!


AS THE SIEGE WENT ON, WHITE MOBS FROM NEARBY TOWNS BEGAN TO RIOT. THEY DEMANDED POLICE RE-OPEN THE BRIDGE.


ON AUGUST 20, THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES TOOK OVER FROM POLICE AT BOTH KAHNAWAKE + KANEHSATAKE.
4,500 TROOPS WOULD BE DEPLOYED, WITH LEOPARD TANKS, APC'S, HELICOPTERS, FIGHTER JETS, ARTILLERY, AND NAVAL VESSELS IN THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.


IN KAHNAWAKE, SOME MOHAWKS WANTED OUT. ON AUG. 28, AFTER BEING DELAYED BY POLICE, A CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY WHITE MOBS; THE POLICE DID NOTHING...


AT KANEHSATAKE, WARRIORS RETREATED AS THE ARMY ADVANCED, ENDING UP IN A TREATMENT CENTER BY SEPTEMBER...



ON SEPTEMBER 18, SOLDIERS RAIDED TEKAKWITHA ISLAND (OFF OF KAHNAWAKE). THEY SHOT TEAR GAS + LIVE AMMO. AS MOHAWKS RESISTED...
THE SOLDIERS WERE LATER EVACUATED BY HELICOPTERS...